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STUDIES IN BALUCHISTAN AND OTHER SELECTED REGIONS" PRINCIPAL
INVESTIGATORS PEYER AND PENNINGTON

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1. EMBASSY CONTACTED ABDUL MANAN KHAN, JOINT SECRETARY,
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND UNDERSTAND
THAT ON RECEIVING PENNINGTON'S CABLE AUGUST 26 REQUESTING
GOP CLEARANCE FOR MEYER AND PENNINGTON PARTICIPATION IN THE
SEPT 10-15, 1978 ITALIAN EFFORT, HE IMMEDIATELY INITIATED
PROCESSING OF THE REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE THRU SOME EIGHT GOP
AGENCIES. SINCE THE CLEARANCE PROCESS TAKES AT LEAST 15 DAYS
TO BE COMPLETED, AND EID-UL-FITR RELIGIOUS FESTIVAL AND
OTHER HOLIDAYS SEPTEMBER 1 TO 10 NECESSITATE THAT TEAM MUST
LEAVE FOR THE EXPLOSION RECORDING AREA AUGUST 31, KHAN
BELIEVES, AND EMBASSY AGREES, THAT MEYER/PENNINGTON
PARTICIPATION NOT POSSIBLE.

2. ABOUT MEYER AND PENNINGTON OTHER RESEARCH
COLLABORATION WITH KEES DE JONG AND ABDUL FARAH, KHAN
HAS INDICATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO HELP OBTAIN CLEARANCES
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WHEN REQUESTED. ALTHOUGH ABUL FARAH SAYS THAT HE HAS
INITIATED A REQUEST FOR GOP CLEARANCES FOR MEYER AND
PENNINGTON OCTOBER-NOVEMBER, 1978 VISIT, KHAN HAS NOT YET
RECEIVED IT. PLEASE HAVE MEYER AND PENNINGTON CONTACT
FARAH ON THE SUBJECT. EMBASSY WILL BE GLAD TO PROVIDE
ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE WHEN REQUESTED.
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